



Office of the Mayor

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Proclamation

- Whereas, according to the U.S. Department of Justice, an estimated 800,000 children are reported missing each year; and
- Whereas, on average, approximately 2,000 children are reported missing to law-enforcement agencies daily; and
- Whereas, approximately 58,200 of these children are victims of non-family abductions and more than 200,000 are the victims of family abductions; and
- Whereas, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) exists as a resource to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation, help find missing children, and assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation, their families, and the professionals who serve them; and
- Whereas, this special day is a time to remember those children who are missing and give hope to their families;

Now therefore, I, Jim Manilla, Mayor of the City of Morgantown, West Virginia do hereby proclaim that, in partnership with NCMEC and its supporters, the 25th day of May 2013 shall be observed in conjunction with

National Missing Children's Day

to encourage all citizens to take 25 minutes to help children stay safer and by continuing efforts to prevent the abduction and sexual exploitation of children.

Further, the City of Morgantown urges the participation of local government, law enforcement, and communities in the protection of children and educating children about child abduction and sexual exploitation, and how to respond and seek help from law enforcement, social services, and NCMEC.

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Jim Manilla, Mayor